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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Jurgen Schulz-Harder et al

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Examiner: Livius Radu Cazan

For

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A CERAMIC-METAL SUBSTRATE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliance, dated February 11, 2009, applicant elects the following one species from each grouping:

From Group A, applicant elects Species A2, wherein the metal area is formed by a thick film technology/process;

From Group B, applicant elects Species B1, heating effected by means of an energy beam or laser;

From Group C, applicant elects Species C2, ceramic layer separated (broken) after the thermal treatment; and

From Group D, applicant elects D2, ceramic layer held on an adhesive foil.

The inventive concepts are covered by claims 27, 29, 31, 32, 34-40 and 44, such election is made without traverse.

If the Examiner has any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned. If any additional fees are due or owing, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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